

FISCAL NOTE

HB 2529 - SB 2950

February 24, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates a presumption that unless the court finds clear and convincing evidence to the contrary, custody shall not be awarded to a parent who has been convicted, on or after July 1, 2006, of a criminal sexual offense against a child less than 18 years of age.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The proposed legislation will not increase the amount of discretion that the Court has when determining a custody arrangement for a child.
- Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-101(a)(2)(a), currently provides the Court with the “widest discretion to order a custody arrangement that is in the best interest of the child.”

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director